(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir, this goal was laid down in the Seventh Plan document but later on technical considerations, this has been discontinued.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Typhoid vaccination has been discontinued from immunisation programme for children on the recommendation of expert group on the grounds of limited efficacy and uncertain disease epidemiology.

N.C.E.R.T. scheme for development of children

*16. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council for Eduational Research and Training (NCERT) has prepared a scheme for comprehensive and all round deveopment of children; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education, 1986, envisages major reforms in content and process of school education for ensuring comprehensive and all-round development of the child. To achieve this objective the NCERT has prepared a frame work for National Curriculum for Elementary and Secondary Education. It envisages the curriculum to be centred around the National Core Curriculum, incorporating the goals of National Development. It recommends a child-centred approach to learning, inter active teaching-learning, pursuing creativity and more emphasis to work experience, health and physical education, etc.

Monitoring of the passage of ships through the maritime zone of India

*17. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 regarding the domestic and foreign ships polluting India's maritime zone are not being enforced and Government do not have statistics regarding such pollutions and the incidents or violation of the Act, for the last three years; and

(b) what procedure is being followed by the Law inforcing agencies to monitor the passage of ships through India's maritime zone and to detect pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) (a) and (b) All Indian and foreign ships are required to have international pollution prevention certificates and oil record books and these are inspected by authorised officers while the ships are in the ports. In the maritime Zone, Coast Guards are authorised to enforce the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act so far as they relate to pollution by ships. No statistics regarding incidence of pollution are available.

Reservation at Stations in South Eastern Railway

*18. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the passengers at some important railway stations on the South Eastern Railway such as Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Khurda Road and Kharagpur have to wait for hours together to get their reservations; and

(b) if so what remedial steps are being taken by Government to ease the situation?